

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims of the application:

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A communication method in which ~~an input device~~ a sink apparatus connected to a predetermined network receives stream data ~~outputted via said network sent from an output device~~ a source apparatus connected to a predetermined said network, comprising the steps of:

sending a command to said sink apparatus from one of said source apparatus and an other apparatus connected to said network to configure a stream data receiving section of said sink apparatus to receive said stream data sent from said source apparatus;

preparing as a response to said command from said input device to a command data sink apparatus indicating that an input setting a configuration of said data receiving section is at least temporarily disabled when said output device or other device transmits sink apparatus receives said command to said input device such that a data input section of said input device can input outputted data of said output device; and

executing corresponding processing when a source device which transmits said apparatus that transmitted said command received receives said response data indicating that said input setting configuration of said data receiving section is

at least temporarily disabled.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~data response~~ indicating that said ~~input setting~~ configuration of said data receiving section is at least temporarily disabled is data indicating that said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus is placed in the a standby state although a connection within said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus has been completed so that to allow said ~~input device can~~ sink apparatus to input said stream data.

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Claim 3 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 2, wherein said source apparatus transmits said stream data as said corresponding processing when said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source receives said ~~data response~~ indicating that said ~~input setting~~ configuration of said data receiving section is at least temporarily disabled[[ , if]] and a connection between said ~~output device~~ source apparatus and said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus on [[a]] said network is completed[[ ,]] then said ~~output device starts transmitting said stream data as corresponding processing.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~data response~~ indicating that said ~~input setting~~ configuration of said data receiving section is at least temporarily disabled is data indicating that said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus cannot input

said stream data ~~due to other causes~~ although said connection within said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus has been completed ~~such that to allow~~ said ~~input device can~~ sink apparatus to input said stream data and said connection between said ~~output device~~ source apparatus and said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus on said network has been completed.

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 Claim 5 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 4, wherein when said apparatus that ~~transmitted said command transmission source~~ receives data said response indicating that said ~~input setting configuration~~ is at least temporarily disabled, ~~it is checked at any time by~~ ~~said command transmission source based on~~ said apparatus that ~~transmitted said command performs~~ polling to determine whether or not said ~~input device becomes~~ sink apparatus is ready to input said stream data and [[if]] said source apparatus transmits said stream data as said corresponding processing when it is determined that said ~~input device becomes~~ sink apparatus is ready to input said stream data[[,]] ~~then said output device starts transmitting stream data as corresponding processing.~~

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 4, wherein when said apparatus that ~~transmitted said command transmission source~~ receives data said response indicating that said ~~input setting configuration~~ is at least temporarily disabled, said apparatus that ~~transmitted said command transmission source~~ transmits a

command notifying that said ~~input device becomes~~ sink apparatus is ready to input said stream data as said corresponding processing and when said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source receives a command indicating that ~~the~~ a status of said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus is changed[[,]] ~~said output device source apparatus~~ starts transmitting said stream data.

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 Claim 7 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~data response~~ indicating that said ~~input setting configuration~~ is at least temporarily disabled is data indicating that a connection between said ~~output device source apparatus~~ and said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ on the said network ~~is~~ has failed although a connection within said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ has been completed ~~such that~~ to allow said ~~input device can sink apparatus to~~ input said stream data.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 1, wherein when said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source receives said data response indicating that said ~~input setting configuration~~ is at least temporarily disabled, ~~it is checked at any time by~~ said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source based on performs polling to determine whether ~~or not~~ a connection between said ~~output device source apparatus~~ and said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ has been completed and [[if]] said source apparatus transmits said stream data as said

corresponding processing when it is determined by said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source that said connection between said output device source apparatus and said input device sink apparatus has been completed[[,]] ~~then said output device starts transmitting stream data as corresponding processing.~~

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 Claim 9 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 7, wherein when said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source receives said data response indicating that said input setting configuration is at least temporarily disabled[[,]] said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source transmits a command notifying that a connection between said output device source apparatus and said input device sink apparatus has been completed and when said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source receives a command indicating that the a status is changed[[,]] said output device source apparatus starts transmitting said stream data as said corresponding processing.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 1, wherein said data response indicating that said input setting configuration is at least temporarily disabled is data indicating that a time period required when said input device sink apparatus becomes ready to process said stream data therein is longer than an ordinary time period by a constant time.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A communication method in which ~~an input device~~ a sink apparatus connected to a predetermined network receives stream data via said network outputted from ~~an output device~~ a source apparatus connected to ~~a predetermined~~ said network, comprising the steps of:

sending a first command to said sink apparatus from one of said source apparatus and an other apparatus connected to said network to configure a stream data receiving section of said sink apparatus to receive said stream data sent from said source apparatus;

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confirming by analyzing a response based on a to said first command whether or not a that an internal connection in said sink apparatus for receiving said stream data has been completed such that said input device can input stream data therein and confirming whether or not that a connection between said output device source apparatus and said input device sink apparatus on [[a]] said network has been completed when said output device or other device transmits a first command in setting that a data input section of said input device can input outputted data of said output device;

transmitting a second command to said sink apparatus from one of said source apparatus and said other apparatus connected to said network to execute predetermined confirmation concerning confirm that said input device becomes sink apparatus is ready to input the outputted data of said output device receive said stream data sent from said source apparatus; and

enabling said ~~output device~~ source apparatus to start transmitting said stream data ~~[[if]]~~ when it is confirmed by ~~a response based on said second command~~ that said ~~input device becomes ready~~ sink apparatus is able to ~~input the outputted data of said output device~~ receive said stream data sent from said source apparatus by analyzing a response to said second command.

A<sup>2</sup> Claim 12 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, further comprising the steps of transmitting said first command~~[[,]]~~; issuing an interim response when said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus cannot issue a response based on said first command within a predetermined time ~~due to some cause~~; and confirming by ~~[[a]]~~ said response based on said first command whether ~~or not~~ a connection has been completed ~~such that~~ to allow said ~~input device can~~ sink apparatus to input said stream data ~~therein~~.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of ~~transmitting again~~ re-transmitting said second command ~~[[if]]~~ when it is determined by ~~[[a]]~~ said response based on said second command that said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus is ~~disabled~~ not able to input said stream data.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, wherein after it has been confirmed by ~~the~~ said response based on said second command

that said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ is ~~disabled not able~~ to input said stream data and that said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ is ready to input said stream data[[,]] it is confirmed whether ~~or not~~ said ~~output device source apparatus~~ and said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ are connected through [[a]] said network.

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 Claim 15 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting[[,]] ~~instead of said second command~~, a notifying command ~~instead of said second command~~ for notifying that the a status in which said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ is ready to input said stream data is changed and ~~wherein if~~ when it is confirmed by a response based on said command that said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ is ready to input said stream data[[,]] ~~then~~ said ~~output device source apparatus~~ starts transmitting said stream data.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting[[,]] ~~instead of said second command~~, a notifying command for notifying that the a status in which said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ is ready to input said stream data is changed and ~~wherein after~~ when it ~~was~~ is confirmed that said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ is ~~disabled not able~~ to input said stream data and that said ~~input device sink apparatus~~ is ready to input said stream data[[,]] it is confirmed whether ~~or not~~ said ~~output device source apparatus~~ and said ~~input device sink~~



apparatus are connected through the said network.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting to said ~~output device~~ source apparatus a confirmation command to confirm whether ~~or not~~ said ~~output device~~ source apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data and ~~wherein if~~ when it is confirmed by a response based on said confirmation command that said ~~output device~~ source apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data[[,]] ~~then~~ said ~~output device~~ source apparatus starts transmitting said stream data.

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Claim 18 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting to said ~~output device~~ source apparatus a confirmation command to confirm whether ~~or not~~ said ~~output device~~ source apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data and ~~wherein if~~ when it is determined by a response based on said confirmation command that said ~~output device~~ source apparatus is not ready to transmit stream data[[,]] ~~then~~ said confirmation command is ~~transmitted again~~ re-transmitted to said ~~output device~~ source apparatus.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting a notifying command notifying that ~~the~~ a status in which said ~~output device~~ source apparatus is ready to

transmit said stream data is changed and ~~wherein if~~ when it is determined by a response based on said notifying command that ~~said output device~~ source apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data[[,]] ~~then said output device~~ source apparatus starts transmitting said stream data.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, wherein one of said ~~output device or~~ source apparatus and said other device apparatus connected to said network transmits a command to energize said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus before said first command is transmitted.

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Claim 21 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, wherein when said ~~input device~~ sink apparatus receives said first command[[,]] ~~said input device~~ sink apparatus is energized.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, wherein one of said ~~output device or~~ source apparatus and said other devices are apparatus connected to said network is continuously executing display processing notifying that transmission of said stream data is placed in the a standby mode until ~~it is confirmed~~ confirmation by [[a]] said response based on said second command that ~~said input device becomes~~ sink apparatus is ready to input said stream data.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication method according to claim 11, wherein one of said output device or source apparatus and said other devices are apparatus connected to said network is continuously executing display processing notifying that transmission of said stream data is placed in the a standby mode until it is confirmed confirmation by a response based on a command notifying that the a status in which said input device sink apparatus is ready to input said stream data is changed that the input device becomes said sink apparatus is ready to input said stream data.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus connected to a predetermined network, comprising:

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input and output means for communicating with at least one other devices within apparatus connected to said network;  
and

communication control means for detecting by data received at said input and output means a command received at said input and output means to enable said input and output means to receive stream data from a predetermined device apparatus and enabling said input and output means to transmit data indicating that an input setting of said a stream data configuration is at least temporarily disabled to an other apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source when the an input setting of said stream data is at least temporarily disabled.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said data indicating that ~~the input setting for transmitting said~~ stream data from ~~said input and output means under control of said~~ communication control means configuration is at least temporarily disabled ~~is~~ are data indicating that said input and output means is placed in the a standby mode although an internal connection for supplying said stream data received by said input and output means to stream data processing means has ~~already~~ been completed.

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Claim 26 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said data indicating ~~that the input setting for transmitting said~~ stream data from ~~said input and output means under control of said~~ communication control means ~~is~~ configuration are data indicating that said input and output means is disabled to input said stream data ~~due to other causes within said~~ communication apparatus although an internal connection for supplying said stream data received by said input and output means to stream data processing means has ~~already~~ been completed and a connection between a stream data output section of said predetermined ~~device~~ apparatus and said input and output means ~~on a network~~ has ~~already~~ been completed.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said data indicating that ~~the input setting for transmitting said~~ stream data from

~~said input and output means under control of said communication control means~~ configuration is at least temporarily disabled ~~is~~ are data indicating that a connection between a stream data output section of said predetermined device and said input and output means on ~~the~~ said network ~~is~~ has failed although an internal connection for supplying said stream data received by said input and output means to stream data processing means has ~~already~~ been completed.

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 Claim 28 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said data indicating that ~~said input setting for enabling said input and output means to transmit~~ stream data ~~under control of said communication control means~~ is configuration are data indicating that a time period required until stream data processing means becomes ready to process stream data received by said input and output means is longer than an ordinary time period by a constant time.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus connected to a predetermined network, comprising:

input and output means for communicating with at least one other devices within apparatus connected to said network;  
 and

communication control means for enabling said input and output means to output a command for enabling said at least one other devices apparatus connected to said network to input stream data ~~and in which if~~ , whereby when it is determined by

a response to said command that said at least one other ~~devices are~~ apparatus is at least temporarily ~~disabled~~ not able to receive said command[[,]] ~~the~~ output of said stream data from said input and output means is paused until said at least one other ~~device becomes ready~~ apparatus is able to receive said command.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 29, wherein ~~it is checked by~~ polling at any time is performed to determine whether or not said at least one other ~~devices become ready~~ apparatus is able to input said stream data and ~~if it~~ when is determined that said at least one other ~~devices become ready~~ apparatus is able to input said stream data[[,]] ~~then~~ said input and output means starts transmitting said stream data.

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Claim 31 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 29, wherein a notifying command notifying that said at least one other ~~devices becomes ready~~ apparatus is able to input said stream data is transmitted from said input and output means to said at least one other ~~devices~~ apparatus under control of said communication control means and ~~if~~ when said input and output means receives said notifying command indicating that ~~the~~ a status of said at least one other ~~devices~~ apparatus is changed[[,]] ~~then~~ said input and output means starts transmitting said stream data.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus

connected to a predetermined network, comprising:

input and output means for communicating with at least one other device within apparatus connected to said network;

communication control means ~~in which if~~ whereby when a first command for enabling said input and output means to receive stream data from a predetermined ~~device other~~ apparatus is detected ~~by data received at said input and output means~~ [[,]] a connection is established ~~in the inside of the within said~~ communication apparatus such that to allow said input and output means ~~can to~~ input said stream data, a connection between ~~the said~~ communication apparatus and said predetermined ~~device on the network other apparatus~~ is executed, and ~~if said processing is completed, then data~~ notifying that said processing has been completed is are transmitted from said input and output means to said predetermined other apparatus first command transmission source when said processing is completed; and

communication control means ~~in which if~~ whereby when a second command for executing a predetermined confirmation ~~concerning indicating~~ that the said communication apparatus is ready to input said stream data is detected ~~[[,]] then data~~ notifying that the said communication apparatus is ready to input said stream data is transmitted from said input and output means to an other apparatus that transmitted said second command transmission source.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said communication

control means receives said first command, issues an interim response ~~if~~ when said communication control means cannot issue a response based on said first command within a predetermined time ~~due to some cause,~~ and in ~~it's~~ a subsequent response based on ~~the~~ said first command[[,]] said communication control means ~~has~~ data are transmitted from said input and output means to said other apparatus that transmitted said first command ~~transmission source to the effect indicating~~ that a connection has been completed ~~in the inside of the~~ within said communication apparatus ~~in such a manner that to~~ allow said input and output means ~~becomes ready~~ to input said stream data.

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 Claim 34 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein ~~if~~ when it is determined by a response based on said second command that said input and output means is not ready to input said stream data[[,]] ~~then~~ said communication control means transmits data notifying that said input and output means is not ready to input said stream data from said input and output means to said other apparatus that transmitted said second command ~~transmission source~~.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said other apparatus that transmitted said first and second command ~~transmission source~~ issues a command for confirming a connection between ~~it~~ said other apparatus and said predetermined ~~device~~ apparatus



on the said network after it ~~has been confirmed~~ confirmation by the said other apparatus ~~first and second command~~ transmission source from a response based on said second command that said predetermined device apparatus is not ready to input said stream data and that said predetermined device apparatus is ready to input said stream data; and when said communication control means detects said command[[,]] said communication control means transmits data notifying the a connected state on the said network from said input and output means to said other apparatus ~~command transmission source~~.

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 Claim 36 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said communication control means transmits data notifying whether ~~or not~~ said predetermined device apparatus is ready to input said stream data from said input and output means to said other apparatus that transmitted said ~~command transmission source~~ when said communication control means receives a command notifying that the a status in which said predetermined device apparatus is ready to input said stream data is changed, and said communication control means transmits data notifying that the a status in which said predetermined device apparatus is ready to input said stream data is changed from said input and output means to said apparatus that transmitted said ~~command transmission source~~.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said apparatus that

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transmitted said command transmission source issues a confirmation command for confirming a connection between it said apparatus that transmitted said command and said predetermined device apparatus on the network after it had been confirmed confirmation by said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission source from a response based on a notifying command notifying that the a status in which said predetermined device apparatus is ready to input said stream data is changed that said predetermined device apparatus is not ready to input said stream data and that said predetermined device apparatus is ready to input said stream data and said communication control means transmits data notifying a connection state on the said network from said input and output means to said apparatus that transmitted said command transmission device when said communication control means detects said command.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein when said communication apparatus receives said first command[[,]] said communication apparatus is energized.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus connected to a predetermined network, comprising:

input and output means for communicating with at least one other device within apparatus connected to said network; and

communication control means for controlling said input

and output means ~~such that said input and output means outputs~~  
~~to output~~ a first command for setting said at least one other  
~~device such that~~ apparatus to allow said at least one other  
~~devices can~~ apparatus to input stream data and to output a  
 second command for confirming whether ~~or not~~ said at least one  
 other ~~devices become~~ apparatus is ready to input said stream  
 data.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication  
 apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said input and output  
 means ~~transmits again~~ re-transmits said second command if when  
 said communication control means determines by a response  
 based on said second command that said at least one other  
~~devices are~~ apparatus is not ready to input said stream data.

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 Claim 41 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication  
 apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said input and output  
 means outputs a command for confirming whether ~~or not~~ said  
~~input device~~ at least one other apparatus is connected to the  
said network after said communication control means ~~had~~  
~~determined~~ determines by a response based on said second  
 command that said at least one other ~~devices are~~ apparatus is  
 not ready to input said stream data and that ~~said an~~ other  
~~devices are~~ apparatus connected to said network is ready to  
 input said stream data.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication  
 apparatus according to claim 39, further comprising

communication control means for controlling said input and output means ~~such that said input and output means outputs to~~ output a notifying command notifying that ~~the~~ a status in which indicating said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to input said stream data is changed ~~instead of said second command.~~

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 Claim 43 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said input and output means outputs a confirmation command for confirming whether ~~or~~ not said ~~input device~~ at least one other apparatus is connected to ~~the~~ said network after said communication control means ~~had determined~~ determines by a response based on[[,]] ~~instead of said second command,~~ a command notifying ~~the~~ a change of the a status in which said at least one other ~~devices are~~ device is ready to input said stream data, that ~~said an other devices are apparatus~~ connected to said network is ready to input stream data and ~~that~~ said at least one other ~~devices are apparatus~~ is not ready to input said stream data.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, further comprising communication control means for controlling said input and output means ~~such that said input and output means outputs to~~ output a confirmation command for confirming whether ~~or not~~ said at least one other devices are device is ready to transmit said stream data.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended) [[A]] communication apparatus according to claim 39, further comprising communication control means for controlling said input and output means ~~such that said input and output means outputs to~~ output a notifying command notifying the a change of the a status in which indicating that said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said communication control means controls said input and output means ~~such that said input and output means outputs a~~ to output an energizing command for energizing said at least one other device apparatus before said input and output means transmits said first command.

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Claim 47 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of said stream data is paused until said communication control means determines by a response based on said second command that ~~said at least one other device becomes~~ apparatus is ready to input said stream data.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of said stream data is paused until said communication control means determines by a response based on[[,]] ~~instead of said second command,~~ a command notifying the a change of the a status in

which said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to input said stream data that said at least one other device becomes apparatus is ready to input said stream data.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of said stream data is paused until said communication control means determines by a response based on a confirmation command for confirming whether ~~or not~~ said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data that said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data.

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Claim 50 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of said stream data is paused until said communication control means determines by a response based on a notifying command notifying ~~the~~ a change of ~~the~~ a status in which said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data that said at least one other device becomes apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, further comprising display means for displaying an indication that transmission of said stream data is paused until said communication control means determines by a response based on said second command that said at least one other device becomes apparatus is ready to

input said stream data.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, further comprising display means for displaying an indication that transmission of said stream data is paused until said communication control means confirms by a response based on[[,]] ~~instead of said second command,~~ a command notifying ~~the~~ a change of ~~the~~ a status in which said at least one other ~~devices are~~ apparatus is ready to input said stream data that said at least one other ~~device~~ becomes apparatus is ready to input said stream data.

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Claim 53 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of said stream data is started ~~if~~ when said communication control means determines by a response based on said second command that said at least one other ~~device becomes~~ apparatus is ready to input said stream data.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of said stream data is started ~~if~~ when said communication control means determines by a response based on[[,]] ~~instead of said second command,~~ a command notifying ~~the~~ a change of ~~the~~ a status in which said at least one other ~~devices are~~ apparatus is ready to input said stream data that said at least one other ~~device becomes~~ apparatus is ready to input said stream data.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of stream data is started ~~if~~ when said communication control means determines by a response based on a command for confirming whether ~~or not~~ said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data that said at least one other device becomes apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data.

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Claim 56 (Currently Amended) [[A]] The communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein transmission of stream data is started ~~if~~ when said communication control means determines by a response based on a notifying command notifying ~~the a~~ a change of the a status in which said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data that said at least one other device becomes apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus connected to a predetermined network, comprising:

input and output means for communicating with at least one other device within apparatus connected to said network; and

communication control means for controlling said input and output means ~~such that said input and output means transmits to transmit~~ data notifying that said at least one other devices are apparatus is ready to transmit stream data



if when said communication control means receives ~~from data~~  
~~received by~~ at said input and output means a command for  
confirming whether ~~or not~~ said at least one other ~~devices are~~  
apparatus is ready to transmit said stream data.

Claim 58 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus  
connected to a predetermined network comprising:

input and output means for communicating with at least  
one other ~~device within~~ apparatus connected to said network;  
and

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communication control means for controlling said input  
and output means ~~such that said input and output means~~  
~~transmits to transmit~~ data indicating ~~the~~ a status in which  
said at least one other ~~devices are~~ apparatus is ready to  
transmit steam data to said command transmission source if  
when said communication control means receives ~~from data~~  
~~received by~~ at said input and output means a notifying command  
notifying ~~the~~ a change of ~~the~~ a status in which said at least  
one other ~~devices are~~ apparatus is ready to transmit said  
stream data and that said input and output means transmits  
data of ~~the~~ said changed status in which said at least one  
other ~~devices are~~ apparatus is ready to transmit said stream  
data to an other apparatus that transmitted said notifying  
command ~~transmission source~~.